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The following two reports on observations in the Black Sea area and the Strait of Otranto

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1.

Observations include the following: at Odessa  
a small icebreaker in constant use, and for  
submarines and, at Novorossiysk  
motor patrol boats firing at  
a mobile target under tow, off Mys Doob.  
a wall enclosing what seemed to be some rather low structures,  
located in an area west of, and rather close to, the Cement Factory  
at Novorossiysk.

2.

at Novorossiysk anchored near  
two naval vessels (no details),  
the harbor entrance, and work, nearing completion, on the extension of  
the quay used for loading lumber, and the Naval Base quay, located  
between the Timber Basin and the Petroleum Pier; in the Kerch Strait  
motor patrol boats and minesweepers, and, on a hill  
near the village of Kapkany (N 45-21, E 36-35), 26 possible antiaircraft  
guns, arranged in two lines of 13 guns each; and, off Albania, in the  
Strait of Otranto, at N 40-08, E 19-05, an Albanian

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naval formation engaged in exercises, composed of a destroyer, [redacted] equipped with radar, two medium-caliber twin-gun mounts, one triple torpedo tube mount, two heavy twin machine gun mounts, four single AA machine guns, and two funnels, one motor patrol boat [redacted] and one submarine (no details). The report includes an annotated sketch map of the port area of Sukhoy Liman [redacted]

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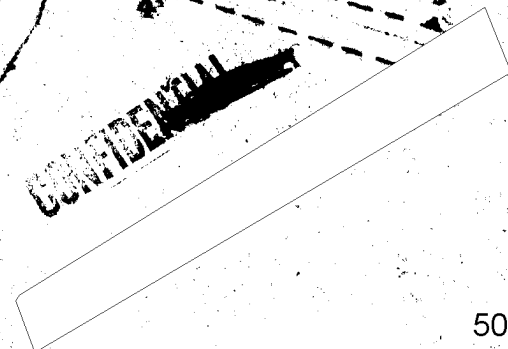
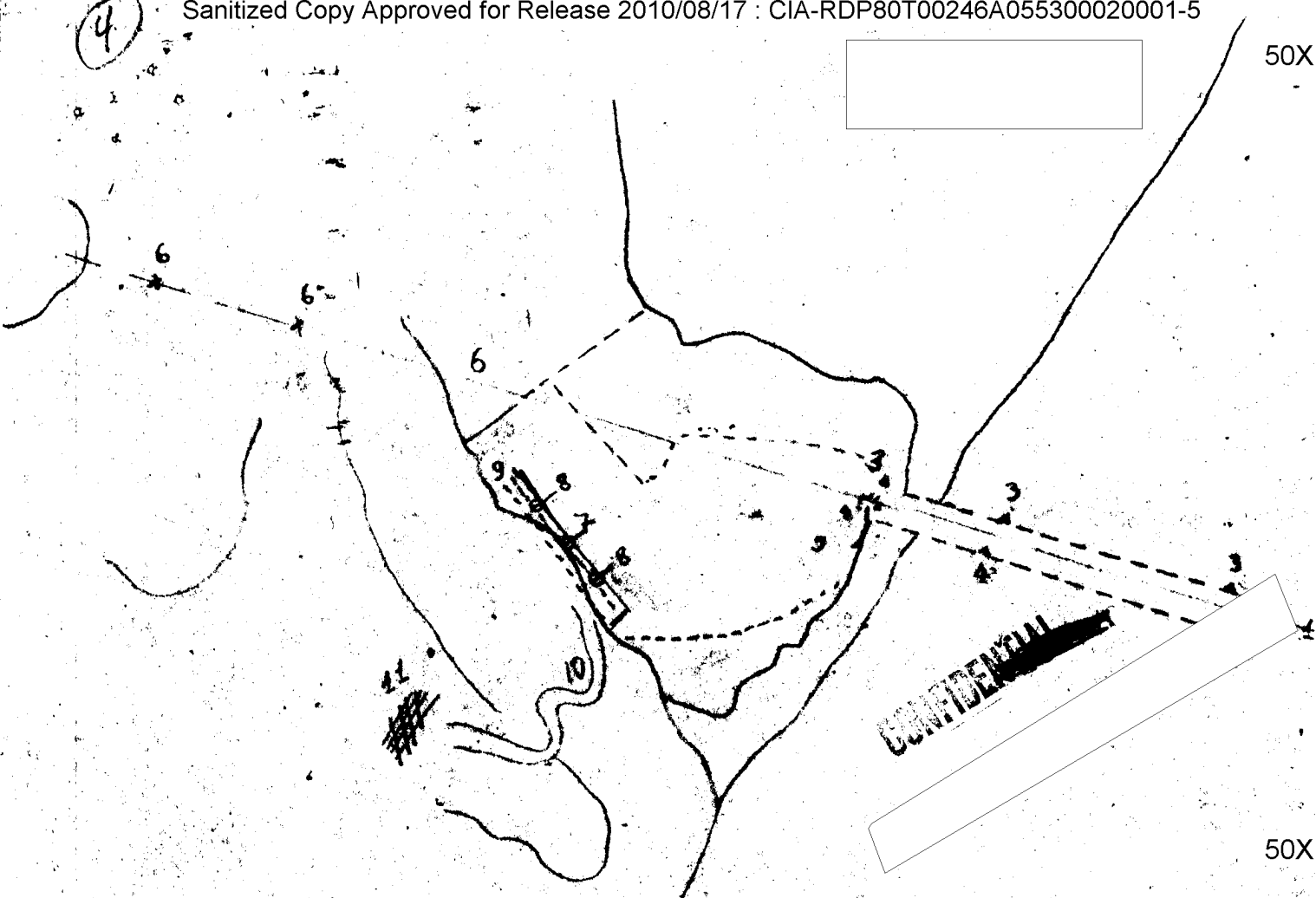
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Attachment NO. 1

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USSR: PORTS

ODESSA

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] a small icebreaker was in constant use.

Clothing finds a ready market in ODESSA (180 rubles for a used sweater).

[redacted] four submarines berthed in  
the small naval harbor: [redacted] two other  
submarines were alongside; the fourth [redacted]  
was berthed separately at the same pier. [redacted] a  
large motor patrol boat or gunboat [redacted] and  
three other craft of the same class [redacted]

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[redacted] there were also

craft of various classes moored nearby.

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[redacted] the motor patrol boat [redacted]

[redacted] left the port; [redacted]

The four submarines were still at the same position [redacted]

NOVOROSIYSK

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[REDACTED]

In an area west of, and rather close to, the cement mill, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a wall enclosing what seemed to be some  
rather low structures. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was a military secret.

[REDACTED]

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NOVOROSIYSK [REDACTED]

In the NOVOROSIYSK roadsteads, about 6 miles from Cape DOOB,  
some Soviet motor patrol boats, armed with a small gun forward,  
were firing on a mobile target towed by a similar boat. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Within the commercial harbor were three or four motor patrol boats  
similar to those seen in the roadsteads [REDACTED]

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PORT LIMAN (LAKE SUKHOI) /sic; SUKHOY LIMAN?//Numbers refer to attachment/

1. Landfall
2. Entrance of approach canal to PORT LIMAN
  - width: about 40 meters
  - length: about one mile
  - depth: surely over 21 feet
3. Two buoys, flashing white light
4. Two buoys, flashing red light
5. Dredge
6. Range; center of canal; two steady white lights
7. Quay; masonry apron
  - Length: about 300 meters; possible to tie up two 90-meter freighters [redacted] a Soviet motorship of [redacted] and one (Yugoslav freighter Pudgora) 110-115 meters in length; however, the bow of the latter ship extended beyond the facing. The area is poorly lighted. There is a drinking water outlet at some undetermined point.
8. Fourteen 10-ton electric cranes, each on rails.
9. Two sets of railroad tracks; one track running under the cranes and the other running between the coal piles and the cranes.
10. Street leading to a ~~new~~ group of new buildings; poorly lighted.
11. Group of a few buildings, almost all used for housing; one building in the square used for offices and housing the INFLOT offices, the Customs offices, and the Police offices; poorly illuminated.



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The position of this office building is approximate.

In addition to the dredge (5), there were also four tugs of about 1,500 horsepower.

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REPORTS ON PORTS OF NOVROSSIYSK, SUKHOY LIMAN, AND ZHDANOV

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The extension of the pier for loading lumber and the pier located between the naval component harbor and the petroleum tankers' pier are nearing completion, and the work is being accelerated at present.

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A - PORT OF SUKHOY LIMAN

Information concerning the port. Refer to attached sketch No. 1.

(C-1) 1 - Quaying work under way from 1a to 1b. The quay being constructed will be about 350-400 meters long, and the depth in that area will be about 30 feet.

2 - There are three sets of tracks on the quay for the railroad cars which generally transport coal.

3 - There are 19 cranes of about 5 tons each in the area, intended for loading and unloading coal.

4 - There is a sunken vessel at this point, and in the vicinity is a floating crane engaged in removing the wreck.

5 - Port entrance.

6 - Buoys marking the entrance channel.

7 - There is a floating dock of about 10,000 tons without identifying markings at this point.

Note: [ ] there are five suction dredges [?] 50X1-HUM  
dredging inside the port. The work, which is being performed by civilian  
workers, proceeds at a fast pace. [ ] the 50X1-HUM  
Sukhoi Liman port under construction will become one of the most important  
Soviet ports in the Black Sea.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] An Albanian naval formation engaged in exercises, composed of  
destroyer [redacted] -- armed with two medium-caliber twin-gun mounts,  
one triple torpedo tube mount, two heavy twin-machine gun mounts, and four AA  
single  
/ machine guns, two funnels, and equipped with radar -- one motor patrol  
vessel without markings, and one submarine whose characteristics could not  
be noted.

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C - PORT OF SUKHOY LIMAN, USSR [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Liberty was granted to all crew members from 0800 to 2400.

A seaman can go ashore with a regular pass, and no search is made  
when leaving or re-entering the ship.

A seaman is free to go anywhere and move as he pleases.

A seaman can go ashore with a camera.

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A - INFORMATION AND REMARKS CONCERNING NAVIGATION

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1 - Naval vessels encountered

[REDACTED] Small motor patrol vessels [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Two of these vessels are permanently stationed near the sunken wreck located a little over one and a half mile southwest of Cape Panay<sup>y</sup>a. When a foreign ship appears, one of the vessels immediately sets on its wake some 20 meters astern and follows it to the pilot's buoy. At that place, if the ship immediately picks up the pilot and keeps on going, the vessel returns to its post; otherwise it anchors nearby and remains there for the time of the wait. If night falls in the meantime, the vessel will use the small searchlight ever so often to sweep the water around the anchoring place of the ship and the ship itself.

Other than the aforementioned motor patrol vessels, four others were

[REDACTED] described as minesweepers because of the equipment 50X1-HUM  
[REDACTED] they all had installed astern. They were of small tonnage and were equipped with radar. Two of them had <sup>(an AA)</sup> machine gun placed on the forecastle, while the other two had a tube running from the stem down the sides, midway between the bulwark and the surface of the water, to the stern.

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2 - Comments on the coastline

[REDACTED] Halfway up a hill which is in back of the village of Kapkani, 50X1-HUM  
and in the vicinity of a field of what appears to be a farm [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED]

a battery (?) of small guns, presumably antiaircraft, mounted on rubber wheels. He counted 26 of them, arranged in two lines of 13 guns each.

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B - PORT OF SUKHOY LIMAN

[REDACTED] no [REDACTED] changes with regard to the port works and installations in Sukhoy Liman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C - PORT OF ZHDANOV

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the only vessel in port was a [REDACTED]

freighter.

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